

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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RETAIL COST OF DRUGS FOR AIDS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the retail cost of drugs for AIDS in the country;
- (b) whether the Cipla has developed a drug for AIDS in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the cost incurred on Research and Development on the said drug;
- (d) the retail cost of AIDS drug as compared to foreign brand drugs for AIDS in the country;
- (e) whether the Cipla has received the Patent Right of the AIDS drug;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) to (g) The price to the retailer in respect of Anti-HIV preparations used in the treatment of AIDS as per ORG/IMS data for December, 2004 is given in the enclosed statement. As per this data, all anti-HIV formulation packs except one are manufactured/marketed by Indian companies. Product patent regime for pharmaceutical products has been introduced with effect from 1.1.2005 only by Patents (Amendment) Ordinance, 2004. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (PI) was constituted to examine the span of price control (including trade margin) in the light of National Common Minimum Programme and to suggest measures for fulfilling the objective of National Common Minimum Programme to ensure the availability of life saving drugs at reasonable prices. This Committee has submitted its interim report to the Government. The Committee has recommended, inter-alia, a system of price negotiations for the new patented drugs.